



Sharing Skyline Drive



The Drive is feeling the love! Cars, trucks, buses, RVs, motorcycles, and bicycles are all enjoying the experience, as well as the occasional deer, bear, ground hog, or turtle. It’s so important to look out for each other and for the animals who live here!

- Drive 35 miles per hour or less!
- Pull well off the road (preferably into an overlook) if you stop to sightsee.
- Respect others by keeping noise to a minimum.
- **Motorists,**
 - Be on the lookout for bicyclists, hikers, and animals.
 - If you are behind a bicyclist, slow down and wait until it’s safe to pass.
 - You may cross the double yellow line legally to safely pass bicycles.
 - Please give bicycles at least three feet of space when passing.
- **Bicyclists,**
 - Move to the right side of the lane as safety permits to allow motorists to pass.
 - Ride single file at all times.
 - When several vehicles are behind you, pull over to allow them to pass.
 - When in a large group, adjust spacing so passing vehicles have room to return to their lanes.

Ranger Programs



See more with a Ranger! Stop by Dickey Ridge Visitor at mile 4.6 or Byrd Visitor Center at mile 51 to find out what programs are planned during your visit. Nothing says “national park” like a Ranger Program!

A Word about Wildlife

Shenandoah’s animal residents are a pretty big deal around here. There’s nothing like observing wildlife in its natural habitat, but the trick is for everyone to go home safe and sound! If you are observing wildlife from your car, pull completely off the road and stay in your vehicle. Keep your distance: stay at least 50 yards from black bears and 25 yards from deer. If you are camping or picnicking, be sure to store your food in your vehicle or a food storage locker. **Never, ever feed wildlife!** If an animal approaches you, make noise to scare it away.

Special Events



National Junior Ranger Day Saturday April 22, 2017

Special activities are planned to help kids “Explore, Learn, and Protect” our national parks. Meet a patrol ranger or firefighter, learn about Park resources at a touch table, and look for clues on an indoor scavenger hunt. Check at a visitor center or the Park website for schedules and more information.



Wildflower Weekend Saturday & Sunday May 6 - 7, 2017

Each spring you may find an amazing palette of colors in Shenandoah, signaling warmer and longer days. Shenandoah celebrates by hosting Wildflower Weekend, two fabulous days of walks, talks, and demonstrations about the Park’s plants and their connections to the ecosystem. Ask about this year’s schedule of events at a visitor center, or check our website for details, and plan to join us for our 31st Annual Wildflower Weekend.



Kids to Parks Day Saturday May 20, 2017

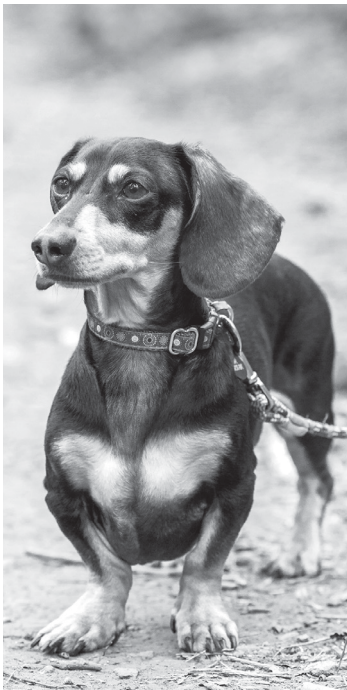
Join us for this day of fun activities and get up close and personal with nature! Participate in special activities, programs, and even meet some live animals. Check at a visitor center or on the Park website for schedules and more information.

Pets in the Park

Wildlife and pets are a dangerous combination. If you bring your pet to Shenandoah, please keep it on a leash no longer than six feet at all times.

Pets are not allowed on the following trails:

- Fox Hollow Trail (mi 4.6)*
- Stony Man Trail (mi 41.7)*
- Limberlost Trail (mi 43)*
- Dark Hollow Falls Trail (mi 50.7)*
- Story of the Forest Trail (mi 51)*
- Bearfence Rock Scramble (mi 56.4)*
- Frazier Discovery Trail (mi 79.5)*
- Old Rag Ridge Trail*
- Old Rag Saddle Trail*



Visitor Services

March 17 - May 26, 2017

Reservations

Lodging
Online: www.goshenandoah.com
Phone: (877) 247-9261

Campgrounds
Online: www.recreation.gov
Phone: (877) 444-6777

Gasoline

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51

Visitor Centers

Dickey Ridge Visitor Center - Mile 4.6
Opens April 7.
Open daily: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Information, ranger programs, exhibits, orientation movie, Park Store.

Byrd Visitor Center - Mile 51
Open daily starting March 23.
Open daily: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Information, ranger programs, exhibits, movies, Park Store.

Food/Dining

Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24
Opens April 7.
Open daily. Carry-out, snacks, light fare.

Skyland Dining Room
Miles 41.7 and 42.5
Opens March 30, 3:00 p.m.
Full-service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
Grab'n go sandwiches and snacks.
Call (540) 999-2212 for hours.

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51
Opens March 23.
Open daily. Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Grab'n go and full-service dining room.

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51
Opens May 10, 3:00 p.m.
Serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
Box lunches.
Call (540) 999-2222 for hours.

Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5
Opens April 6.
Serving lighter fare. Carry-out and sit-down.

Taprooms/Live Entertainment

Skyland Taproom
Miles 41.7 and 42.5
Opens March 30, 3:00 p.m.
Open daily. Food service. Live entertainment.

Big Meadows Taproom - Mile 51
Opens May 10, 3:00 p.m..
Open daily. Food service. Live entertainment.

Lodging

Skyland - Miles 41.7 and 42.5
Opens March 30, 3:00 p.m.
Front desk (540) 999-2212
Lodging varying from traditional rooms to historic cabins and suites. Pet-friendly rooms available.

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51
Opens May 10, 3:00 p.m.
Front desk: (540) 999-2222
Lodging includes rustic cabins, historic main lodge rooms, traditional rooms, and suites. Pet-friendly rooms available.

Lewis Mountain Cabins - Mile 57.2
Opens March 17.
Registration desk: (540) 999-2255
Rustic cabins with covered patios, picnic tables and fire-pit grills. Pet-friendly rooms available.

Gift Shops

Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24
Opens April 7.
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, Virginia wines, clothing, and books.

Skyland - Miles 41.7 and 42.5
Opens March 30, 3:00 p.m.
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, Virginia wines, pottery, soaps, jellies, and jams.

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51
Opens March 23.
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jellies, jams, Virginia wines, batteries.

Big Meadows Lodge - Mile 51
Opens May 10, 3:00 p.m.
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, jewelry, clothing.

Loft Mountain Wayside - Mile 79.5
Opens April 6.
Open daily. Souvenirs, crafts, sundries, books, pottery, clothing.

Campgrounds

No electric hookups.

Mathews Arm - Mile 22.2
Closed until September 1 for construction.

Big Meadows - Mile 51
Opens March 24.
\$20 - Most sites reservable. Group sites. Sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry.

Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2
Opens March 31.
\$15 - First-come, first-served, coin showers, laundry,

Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5
Opens May 3.
\$15 - Some sites reservable. Group sites. Sewage disposal, coin showers, laundry.

Dundo Group - Mile 83.4
Opens May 3.
\$45 - Groups of 7 to 20; reserve at www.recreation.gov or inquire at Loft Mountain Campground.

Campstores

Elkwallow Wayside - Mile 24
Opens April 7.
Open daily. Camping supplies, groceries.

Big Meadows Wayside - Mile 51
Opens March 23.
Open daily. Camping supplies, food, groceries.

Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2
Opens March 17.
Open daily. Groceries, batteries, and camping supplies.

Loft Mountain - Mile 79.5
Opens May 3.
Open daily. Groceries, batteries, and camping supplies.

Horseback Riding

Skyland Stables - Mile 42.5
Opens April 7.
1-hour ride: Daily
2½-hour ride: Saturday
Reservations: (540) 999-2213

Picnic Grounds

Dickey Ridge - Mile 4.7 (*Open April 7*)
Elkwallow - Mile 24 (*Open Year Round*)
Pinnacles - Mile 36.6 (*Open Year Round*)
Big Meadows - Mile 51 (*Open March 24*)
Lewis Mountain - Mile 57.2 (*Open March 31*)
South River - Mile 62.5 (*Open Year Round*)
Dundo - Mile 83.4 (*Open Year Round*)

